

## **ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **Vision Statement**

*The Vision of the Arlington Public Schools is to be an equitable educational community where all learners feel a sense of belonging, experience growth and joy, and are empowered to shape their own futures and contribute to a better world.*

### **Mission Statement**

*The Arlington Public Schools focuses on the whole child to create inclusive and innovative learning opportunities for all students, values diverse identities and ways of learning, prepares all staff to maintain high expectations while providing necessary supports, and sustains collaborative partnerships with families and the community.*

*In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:*

***Arlington School Committee  
School Committee Regular Meeting  
Thursday, October 10, 2024  
6:30 PM***

#### ***In person:***

*Arlington Public Schools District Office  
14 Mill Brook Drive  
School Committee Room, 2nd Floor  
Arlington, MA 02476*

#### ***Via Zoom:***

*<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86956181807>*

*Open Meeting (P. Schlichtman)*

*Public Comment (P. Schlichtman)*

*For members of the public who wish to address the Committee, there will be 30 minutes of public comment. If you would like to sign up to speak, either remotely via Zoom or in-person, you must email [ediggins@arlington.k12.ma.us](mailto:ediggins@arlington.k12.ma.us) by 6:00 p.m. Thursday, the date of the meeting. Depending on how many people sign up, time allotments may be reduced, but will not exceed three minutes each. If the number of people who sign up exceeds what can be reasonably done in 30 minutes, the number of speakers may be capped or speaking times may be reduced at the discretion of the Chair. All requests to speak received after the date and time indicated, will be invited to speak at the next School Committee Regular Meeting.*

*Diversity and Hiring Report (R. Spiegel)*

*Fall 2023 Outcomes Report (M. Ford Walker & M. Coleman)*

*Preview of FY26 Budget Process Proposal (F. Gorski)*

## *Vote MOA in public*

### *Superintendent's Update (E. Homan)*

- *Update on Administrative Hiring Searches*
- *Update on Competitive Grants Awarded*
- *Monthly Update on Enrollments/Class Sizes*
- *Strategic Plan Update*

### *Consent Agenda (P. Schlichtman)*

*All items listed with an asterisk are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the committee so requests, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence:*

*\*Warrant #*

*\*School Committee Draft Meeting Minutes - September 26, 2024*

### *Subcommittee/Liaison Reports/Announcements (P. Schlichtman)*

- *Budget – K. Allison-Ampe, Chair*
- *Community Relations – L. Exton, Chair*
- *Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Accountability – J. Morgan, Chair*
- *Facilities – J. Thielman, Chair*
- *Policy & Procedures – L. Kardon, Chair*
- *Arlington High School Building Committee – J. Thielman, Chair*
- *Liaison Reports*
- *Announcements*
- *Future Agenda Items*

### *Executive Session (P. Schlichtman)*

- *To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel;*
- *To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares;*
- *AAA Negotiations Discussion.*

### *Adjournment*

*The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

*Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.*

*Submitted by Paul Schlichtman*

*Correspondence Received (P. Schlichtman)*

- *Email to School Committee from M. Arbaje-Thomas, RE: Milly's Mid-Week METCO Message, 10-2-2024*
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Massachusetts law requires all open session meetings of public bodies to be accessible to members of the public, including those with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodations in order to participate in the meeting, contact the Administrative Assistant to the Arlington School Committee Liz Diggins at [ediggins@arlington.k12.ma.us](mailto:ediggins@arlington.k12.ma.us).



## **Town of Arlington, Massachusetts**

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### **Meeting Location - Hybrid**

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**Land Acknowledgement (P. Schlichtman)**



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**Adjournment**





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**Submitted by Paul Schlichtman**



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### Correspondence Received (P. Schlichtman)

#### Summary:

- Email to School Committee from M. Arbaje-Thomas, RE: Milly's Mid-Week METCO Message, 10-2-2024
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#### ATTACHMENTS:

Type	File Name	Description
▢ Correspondence	Milly_s_Mid-Week_METCO_Message_-_October_2__2024.pdf	Milly's Mid-Week METCO Message

## Milly's Mid-Week METCO Message - October 2, 2024

Milly Arbaje-Thomas <metco@metcohq.ccsend.com>  
Reply-To: metcohq@metcoinc.org  
To: ediggins@arlington.k12.ma.us

Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM



## Milly's Mid-Week METCO Message

October 2, 2024

### Lexington METCO Senior Shares Her Experience at Boston Busing Forum



**Lexington senior Laila Hood joined a panel of education leaders, scholars, and activists at the Boston Public Library as part of a recent [Boston Busing and Desegregation Initiative \(BDBI\)](#) forum.** From her experiences and knowledge as a METCO HQ Nubian Square tour guide, Laila shared how METCO played into the history of the school desegregation in Boston. She also highlighted how the racist housing and banking practice of redlining only exacerbated the city's de facto segregation. Attendees asked thought-provoking questions on how to remedy the issue of school segregation in Boston with powerful answers from the panelists, including **Dr. Raul Fernandez**, Executive Director for Brookline for Racial Justice & Equity and former chair of the state's Racial Imbalance Advisory Council. He shared the council's recommendations for combatting school segregation in Massachusetts in its [recent report](#).

Stay tuned for more information about our upcoming [METCO panel in January](#) as part of BDBI's ongoing programming commemorating the 50th anniversary of school desegregation in Boston.

## Lynnfield METCO Freshman Wins Student Council Seat



***Congratulations to Anjolaoluwa Adetule—often called “Jolly” by her friends and peers— for her win as Student Representative on the Lynnfield High School Student Council.*** Securing the win out of four candidates vying for the position, her new role will involve weekly meetings with student representatives from the upper classes. These meetings will focus on a range of important topics, including school events, fundraisers, and community service opportunities. Jolly has always displayed a keen interest in leadership roles and is eager to make a positive impact within her 9th grade class. Her dedication to leadership is evident in her previous involvement with Project 351, where she served as an ambassador. She is determined and fully committed to making a difference for her fellow students this upcoming school year.

**Lynnfield METCO Director Curtis Blyden** states: *“I want to take a moment to congratulate Jolly on winning the campaign. Her election is not only a testament to her talent and commitment to her community, but it also reflects the high esteem in which she is held by her peers.”*

## Concord METCO Family & Friends Gather in Boston



***Concord METCO Family Friends held an event recently at Franklin Park in Boston.*** Hosted by Boston parent **Tanika Williams** and Concord METCO Coordinator **Solange Benjamin**, families gathered for a day of community building, connection, and fun. With the sun shining brightly, children and families enjoyed outdoor activities, shared food, and had the opportunity to strengthen relationships. Included in the fun was making fresh popcorn and decorating pumpkins just in time for the Fall.

**National Blue Ribbon Schools** **2024**

**356** schools recognized in **46** states plus DC, DoDEA, and VI

State	Number of Schools
WA	0
OR**	0
MT	2
ID*	0
ND	3
WY	3
SD	4
NE	4
KS	4
OK	4
TX	31
LA	7
MS	4
AL	5
GA	10
FL	15
SC	4
NC	6
VA	8
WV	3
PA	13
NY	21
ME*	0
VT**	2
NH	2
MA	9
RI	3
CT	3
NJ	11
DE	2
MD	10
DC	2
CA	30
NV	1
UT	3
AZ	6
NM	3
CO	4
IA	5
MO	8
IL	18
IN	16
OH	14
MI	12
WI	8
MN	7
AK	3
HI	2

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY (DoDEA) **3**  
 BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION (BIE)\*\*  
 PUERTO RICO (PR)\*\*  
 U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (VI) **1**

\*States not participating in 2024: ID (last participation 2023), ME (2020)  
 \*\*States not participating for over 15 years: OR (1998), VT (1994), BIE (1996), PR (1999)

- Belmont: Daniel Butler School, Roger E Wellington School, Belmont High
- Brookline: John D Runkle School
- Needham: John Eliot School
- Newton: Memorial Spaulding School
- Reading: Walter S Parker Middle School
- Swampscott: Swampscott High School
- Wakefield: Dolbeare School
- Walpole: Fisher
- Wayland: Happy Hollow School
- Wellesley: Katharine Lee Bates School

In addition, the U.S. Education Department recognized seven Massachusetts public schools last week as [National Blue Ribbon Schools](#) for overall excellence or narrowing achievement gaps among subgroups of students. **Of**

**those seven schools, four were in METCO districts.** Congrats to the following districts and schools:

- Cohasset High School
- Charles Taylor Elementary School in Foxborough
- A.E. Angier School in Newton
- Joseph E. Fiske School in Wellesley

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